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SUBJECT: KOREAN PURCHASING MISSION TO U.S. - PREPARATION
FOR RECONSTITUTED MISSION

FOR COMMERCE

1. MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (MCI) NOW FULLY REALIZES THAT PRODUCT AND COMPANY COMPOSITION OF LIST FOR PURCHASING MISSION AS ORIGINALLY PRESENTED WAS NON-STARTER. EMBASSY HAS TAKEN INITIATIVE IN SEEKING REVISION OF LIST ALONG SEVERAL BASIC LINES. WE HAVE URGED ELIMINATION OF THOSE FIRMS WHOSE PRODUCT INTEREST REMAINS NARROWLY FOCUSED ON ITEMS IN SHORT SUPPLY. AT SAME TIME WE HAVE SUGGESTED POSSIBLE RETENTION OF FIRMS WHICH WOULD BE INTERESTED IN EQUIPMENT AS WELL AS ITEMS FOR WHICH PROCUREMENT WILL BE DIFFICULT. FINALLY, WE HAVE SUBMITTED NEW LIST OF THIRTY FIRMS WHICH MIGHT POSSIBLY BE ADDED AND WHICH HAVE PROBABLE INTEREST IN PURCHASE OF U.S. EQUIPMENT IN SUCH FIELDS AS SHIPBUILDING, MACHINE INDUSTRY, FOOD INDUSTRY, AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT.

2. WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO ENSURE RANKING EXECUTIVE GALIBER OF FIRM REPRESENTATIVES AND HAVE MOBILIZED SUPPORT OF KOREAN AMERICAN ECONOMIC COUNCIL IN NEW RECRUITING EFFORT.

3. WITHIN NEXT SEVERAL DAYS WE EXPECT TO SUBMIT FOR COMMERCE APPROVAL RECONSTITUTED PURCHASING MISSION
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WHICH WILL BE ABLE TO CARRY OUT PURPOSES OF TRADE DEVELOP-

MENT ORIGINALLY ENVISIONED FOR THIS MISSION.

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